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EMISSION OF GREEN HOUSE GASES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report of the USA`s Centre for Global Climate Change India has substantially reduced the emission of green house gases during the last few years;

(b) if so the details of the measures which have brought down the emission of green house gases;

(c) the scheme-wise amount spent by the Government to bring down the emission of green house gases during each of the last three years; and

(d) the amount out of the abovesaid expenditure received from foreign countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) The USA`s Pew Centre on Global Climate Change brought out a report entitled "Climate Change Mitigation in Developing Countries: Brazil, China, India, Mexico, South Africa, and Turkey" in October, 2002. The report tries to document the climate mitigation in six developing countries, including India and states that significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions over the last decade have been brought about in these countries through environmentally friendly policies and renewable energy programmes. If not for these efforts, the report concluded, emissions in the six countries under reference could be about 19 per cent higher than they are today. The steps taken by the Government to address climate change related issues include measures relating to energy efficiency, energy conservation, power sector reforms, renewable energy programme, fuel switching to cleaner energy, afforestation and conservation of forests, efficient utilization of coal, reduction of gas flaring, installation of heat recovery systems in oil and power sector, standardization of fuel efficient irrigation pump sets and better cultivation practices. There is no one or more specific scheme(s) against which the expenditure can be related to lowering of greenhouse gases.